

Town of Tamworth
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Thursday, February 21, 2013
Town Office

Members Present Robert Abraham, John Roberts, and James Hidden

Others Present Police Chief Dan Poirier, Exec Asst. Anne Abear, HEB Representatives Jay Poulin and John Wacker, Pat Farley, Karen McNiff, Ruth Timchak, Jim Hoenscheid, Damon Steele, Sam Martin, and other members of the public.

Chairman Abraham opened the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Department Updates

Police Chief Dan Poirier discussed the following:

1. Confirmation has been received for Officer Littlefield to attend training in Dallas the 3rd week of March. This training is designated for both police and fire personnel and consists of a train the trainer session in which will be utilized within the Town once Officer Littlefield has completed the training. R Abraham indicated that FEMA is also putting on training sessions in Mexico that may assist the community in the future.
2. The number of pistol permits being issued is up.

Pat Farley of the Economic Development Commission discussed the following:

1. The webcam donations and project. All donations for the webcam can be sent to PO Box 128 (Tamworth Foundation), Tamworth, NH.
2. The commission is working on setting up meetings with a few local banks to discuss financing that is available for small businesses.
3. MWV Council is still working on strategic planning and their next meeting is scheduled for April.
4. There is a meeting at the Ossipee Library on 2/26/2013 at 8:00 a.m. for the CEDS group. Municipal officials (Selectmen, Planning Board) are encouraged to attend.
5. The grant request letter to the Tamworth Foundation was signed for the webcam project. The goal for the project is to raise \$2,500. Chief Poirier recommended WMUR Channel 9 be contacted to see if they would have interest in this project.

Public Comment

1. Sam Martin presented the Selectmen with documentation to support her comments of January 24, 2013 which were addressed to the Selectmen. (This information will be attached to the original set of minutes).
2. Jim Hoenscheid presented a follow up to the information provided by Ms. Martin with a summary sheet to the initial complaint of possible violations that have occurred under the Wetlands Ordinance. The Board requested all

of the supporting documentation to be presented to the Selectmen and it was placed onto a drive for the Board to review prior to the next meeting. After minimal discussion, the Board indicated they would request a meeting with each of the landowners that are being accused of a violation. These meetings will begin on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Letters will be sent to all of the property owners inviting them to the meeting and they will receive a copy of the complaint, dated February 20, 2013 (attached to these minutes).

3. Jim Hoenscheid presented a letter to the Board dated February 20, 2013 referencing a public comment – Slander and Liable Claim. (Letter will be attached to these minutes).

Chocorua Community Project

Jay Poulin of HEB Engineering and John Wacker attended the meeting to discuss the latest updates and to receive guidance on the Chocorua Community Project. The discussion included the goal of this meeting, the environmental clearance received, reviewing NHDOT preliminary design comments, discussing landscaping design to detail the gateway signs and landscaping, a discussion of the lighting consultant and design and the necessary easements for the project.

J Poulin indicated the timeline for completion of the project is moving forward as follows:

1. Final Design – March 2013
2. Easement Coordination – March 2013
3. Review by NH DOT – April 2013
4. Bidding – May 2013
5. Construction – June – November 2013

Selectmen Updates

1. J Roberts has not attended any meetings since the last Selectmen's Meeting.
2. J Hidden discussed the Economic Development Commission Meeting as discussed by P Farley earlier in the meeting and presented information regarding the 2/26/2013 meeting in Ossipee.
3. J Hidden discussed the planning board meeting in which the final subdivision regulations will be read and voted on. This meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2013.
4. R Abraham indicated he has not attended any meetings since the last Selectmen's Meeting.

Administrative Items

The following items were review, approved and signed by the Board as needed:

1. An intent to cut for map 414-096-001,

2. *R Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to accept the minutes of 2/7/2013 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
3. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to accept the non-public minutes of 2/7/2013 as written. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
4. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$271,344.21. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
5. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to approve an accounts payable check register in the amount of \$271,344.21. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
6. The Board signed approval for an elderly and disabled tax deferral application for map 401 lot 011.
7. *J Roberts moved and J Hidden supported to approve a payroll manifest in the amount of \$19,795.03 with a transfer of \$11,743.66 for direct deposit (included in the above amount) and a transfer of \$6,663.32 for a federal tax deposit. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*
8. The Board signed a petition and pole license for PSNH to place 6 poles along Locke Falls Road.
9. The Board approved updates to the Safety & Health Program from the changes in the NH Law 281-A: 64 effective 1/1/2013.
10. K Trammell attended the meeting to discuss a letter received from a resident who is requesting a refund on his MV registration after he paid a fee and then transferred to another vehicle. K Trammell explained that a refund would only be given if the State was to refund their portion. The Board indicated they supported K Trammell's decision and requested she contact the resident to let them know of the Board's decision.
11. An appointment for the Deputy Health Officer – Christine Clyne was approved.
12. A request was received from the Remick Museum to tap 6 maple trees located between the rear of the Town House parking lot and the river. The Board approved this request.
13. J Roberts updated the Board on his relationship with Tri County Community Action advising that at this time, he does not have any scheduled work with this organization, but in the future if one was to develop, and he would consider stepping down from the Board as needed regarding decisions on that organization.
14. J Roberts requested that R Abraham return the hot water heater that was initially tried at the Town House. R Abraham indicated he would bring this equipment to the Town Office.
15. The Board inquired if R Roberts had submitted mileage for the month of January. At this time, it does not appear the bill has been submitted. The Board requested A Abear to check with R Roberts on this bill that should be submitted at the end of each month.

Public Comment

D Steer inquired why the Board did not recommend the 2013 appropriation for the Blue Loon Buses. J Roberts indicated he did not approve the appropriation from the Town when they were getting an appropriation from the County as

well. J Hidden agreed with J Roberts adding that this type of transportation is an idea and did not feel the area had a demand for the bus service. R Abraham indicated the organization as a whole is very poorly run and has been for over 2 years under Tri County Community Action. The Tri County Community Action program is needed for the fuel assistance in our area.

Adjournment

Chairman Abraham moved and J Hidden supported to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board of Selectmen: 3/7/2013

Robert Abraham

John Roberts

James Hidden